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Generally concur with  views.

It is urged, however, that a Foreign Branch Chief, under present circumstances, should not be delegated the responsibility for final decision on the acceptable security of a proposed agent on whom there is information of a derogatory nature.

It is recommended that the case of every proposed espionage and counter-espionage agent operation where a file check reveals evidence of inadequate security of the agent(s) proposed be referred to the Chief of Operations for decision in full consultation with the Chief of Control and Plans. (No new operation should be undertaken without the concurrence of the latter two staff officers; their judgement will insure (a) objectivity in the calculation of security risks, and (b) a proper evaluation of the proposed operation in terms of outstanding commitments of OSO and intelligence targets and priorities.)

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